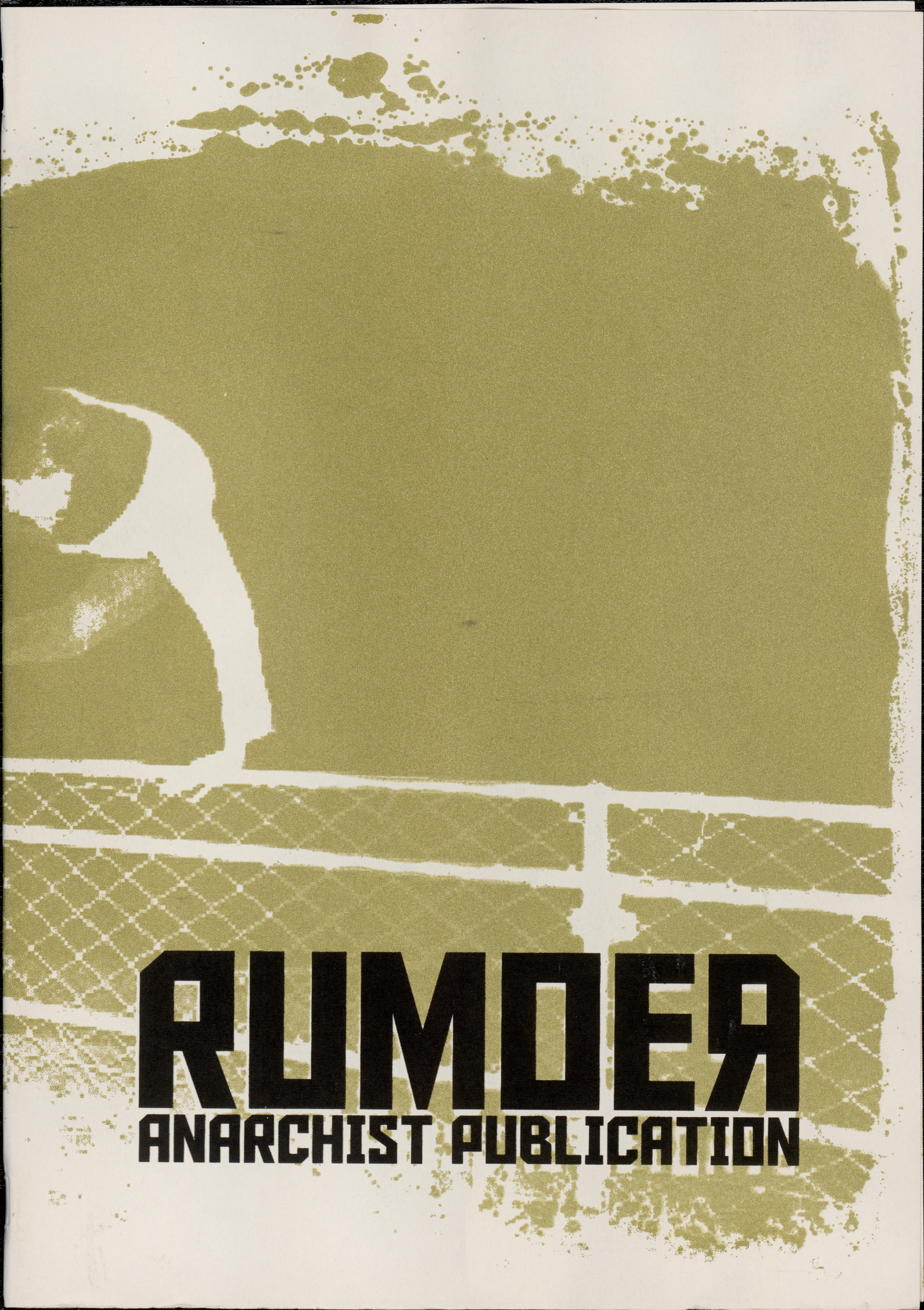
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EDITORIAL

In Den Haag some public transport ticket machines related to the arms industry were burned down, in Eswatini nurses refused to treat police officers after they had attacked them on ongoing protests, in France a couple of sweeties threw down some camera poles with a little help of a disc-cutter... And we could go on but you could also just you read more of our news section. What we just want to say: it has been neither quiet nor calm in the world of pandemics and disasters, in the system of control and exploitation. We shouldn't be either.

It seems like RUMOER number five is not quiet or calm. Who would've thought we would come so far! For sure we did... proving all the fuckers wrong. It was us though that did not really expect for the housing struggle to become so big and ongoing. The developments are going quick and there are callouts for direct actions for the days to come. We have an article on gentrification and a sneaky recording of a living room conversation, mentioning black block tactics, complaining about police violence and anarchist presence on leftist demonstrations.

As we are a bit tired of our ever growing group of followers asking time and time again 'why do you write', we took some effort to tell you about it, both as a collective as trough some of our editors. Pippi, Joe, Nobody and Boy would like to hear your opion on this topic as well.

Another difficult question we couldn't avoid was the coroooooonaaaaaaaa situation. We say let's shit on the coronapass or at least wipe our ass with it and throw all QRcode controlling stuff in the canal, just like all surveillance camera's, drones and smartphones in general. Bah!

You know, we've been missing you. Let's meet again in the street, in the unexpected romantic riot, or in a planned hit and run. Or just while painting the walls of this grey world with some weird graffiti or pretty posters.

'Til then, take care, a big hug and strength
xxx RUMOER

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WHY WE WRITE

We've been asked a few times now about who we are and why we publish a paper magazine, especially when the world around us moves more and more toward the digital. Let us start by saying who we are doesn't matter but what and why we write does. For us the choice to write and to print real paper copies could never be casual decisions, nor would this project be able to exist in the digital realm. The internet is too momentary and seems to relate poorly to the reality of everyday life. By publishing on paper, we want to break away from daily news cycle, bombardment of information and updates and chatter, to find a different time, space, and rhythm on which to connect to each other. Quite apart from the latest instagram post from one's favorite internet celebrity or would-be politician whose opinion can be summed up in a 20 second snippet, we want to find ways to communicate our ideas, desires, and frustrations with this world with all the complexities and difficulties they entail, and to give the required attention and care to this, never competing with trendy slogans or easy answers. We also want these ideas to end up in strangers' hands, not decided according to algorithms of google or facebook whether they are meant for you or not. We like chance encounters, hearing via-via that someone got handed a copy of RUMOER or found one in a folder on the street.

We hope this publication reaches you as a proposal to discuss, deepen, and dive into a refusal of power and domination in your life, and we always look forward to seeing these things take shape in real life.

But let's hear from each of our dear RUMOER editors (Pippi, nobody, Joe and Boy) on what brings them together to this publication.

WHY I WRITE? - PIPPI LANGKOUS

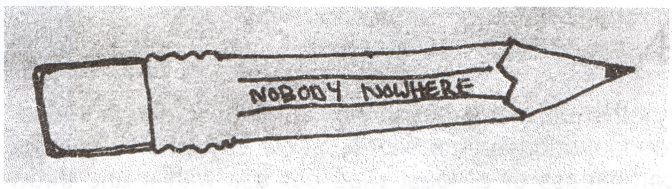
You found my message in a bottle!

Why i wrote it? Because it matters to me to articulate my thoughts and feelings about the crazy world around me that i so badly do not want live in. I don't want to fall for the masses who think they know better than me and i do like to share something else than what is enforced all around us.

And why i publish on paper? Well... while it's obviously much nicer to take to uninhabited islands than a smartphone. No antennas or connection needed. We get so much input and quick stimuli of our digitized world, i think a no pop-up reading experience makes a good one. Different than a link and letters on a screen you can physically interact with it. Keep it, dump it, pass it on, or glue it to the ceiling.

Laying lazy in the sun, I can physically share thoughts and ideas among my companions by passing the books, pamphlets, or magazines we brought around. Taking time to be lazy and enjoy life is important, just as is taking time to read, to think, and to discuss- if this isn't already the same time.

Afterward, the paper is a great (camp)fire starter or get-away paper boat to set sail to your wildest fantasies.



WHY I WRITE? - NOBODY

Writing is the process that enables me to start with a simple idea and run with it- to look at it from different angles, to try out different words, to take the jumble of inputs and passions and impulses from the world around me into something a bit more tangible.

My surroundings are full of noise, signals, information, and news. In any given day, I am bombarded with the latest ad for some shitty thing I cannot anymore live without, some natural catastrophe somewhere in the world, some new project of repression that demands more compliance and further restricts the wiggle-room at the margins of its control.

When I write, I am nobody. I do not have a fixed form, an identity, or a role that defines me, and therefore maybe these words and ideas can exist outside of me, and maybe others can find some resonance.

Writing this magazine is a process of discussion with my close friends- Pippi, Boy, and Joe. It is a means

for us to push each other to imagine and desire a world outside of the suffocation that surrounds us. Through writing, we turn our daily experiences, feelings, emotions into ideas, words, thoughts, and acts, and by sharing them, we deepen our analysis of this world, of power and domination and where they exist in our lives, and we sharpen our ability to act against these, alone and together. By turning these discussions into written words to share with anyone out there who cares to read - and maybe even respond with their own words, gestures, or acts -we start to give life to our ideas, and we carve out a tiny break in what surrounds us, to feed new dynamics. After all, action needs ideas to flourish, ideas need action to not become stagnant slogans in magazines.

This is a lot to demand from the simple act of writing and printing, but with some humility and determination, perhaps it is possible to take our bearings, plot a course, and set sail for the unknown horizons of subverting power and domination around us.

WHY I WRITE? -WHITE COLLAR JOE

I write because I feel trapped.

Because a lot of us are forced to sit in offices looking at screens staring away our lives.
Offices, these uninventive places, with boring colleagues and meaningless conversations.
Sitting there daydreaming about the day we tell them all to fuck off, run away, and be free.
We all know how to start doing away with this life: quit our jobs, steal what we need, burn down the rest. But somehow we remain trapped. We stay in this way of life, continuing to participate and reinforcing this system that creates nothing but death: dead nature, dead relations, dead entertainment, dead time...

So I write. I write to imagine a life instead of the current one.
To sharpen my mind, to be creative, take moments of standing still and analyzing the world around us.
And i write to feel joy; joy at imagining attack. Joy seeing people reading what i wrote. Joy with the discussions that follow. And joy at the conversations through pages with people unknown.
That's why i put writing out there on pages, away from the imprisoning glow of screens.
To stay angry, give strength and find ways to fight.
So together we can break away from this life and break the things that try to pull us back in.

WHY I WRITE? -BOY ZONDERMAN

I never liked writing for teachers nor bosses. I do like to write punks songs or dramatic poems and romantic letters to friends. But the most I love to write on walls. My words are aimed at any soul coincidentally passing by. I do not need to convince anybody, I just want to incite people to destroy what destroys them. The masses may agree or disagree, I even deny their existence. Who I want to talk to are not masses, I want to talk to people. The masses are on instagram or facebook. The people are on the streets.

Also I'm bored of talking to the classical anarchists. The syndicalist organization-obsessed old socks. They keep ranting about the masses but are massively annoying and can't see past their blueprints. But also the individual flying nihilistic or theoretical-purist churches annoy me. They are writing new specialist programs, without even realizing it. They cannot have a normal conversation on the street, they get scared as soon as they have to talk to a real human.

Another group I'm bored of talking to, are the righteous activist. They want to reform the system but claim to be so rebellious...They care about their public image and being reasonable. They want to work together with disgusting people, everything to get something done... In some years they will all be politicians, journalists, academics and don't think about struggle at all anymore.

Anyway. The question was actually why do I write. I need to write, to give oxygen to the pressure of this society, to understand what is fueling the international wars, oppression, and other misery. Scream it in big letters on the wall. I need to get it out of me and want to discuss it with others, with as many affiliates as possible, even when it's just for a one night stand.

I KNOW PLACES - PERSPECTIVES ON THE HOUSING STRUGGLE

A SECRET RECORDING OF A CONVERSATION AMONG FRIENDS ABOUT THE RECENT HOUSING PROTESTS

On a late November night in a cozy living room, some people were overheard discussing a series of big protests throughout the Netherlands against the housing crisis, including some in which there was some specific anarchist presence. The things that happened at these demos and much of the discussion after have turned around the police interventions, as the police dealt with the anarchist or black bloc presence with some violence. They pulled out drones to record everything, but also were heavy-handed in their use of batons, hitting people in the head and face. We think it's important not to get lost in complaining about police violence, but discussing how to do better next time!

N4N4: Hey, how did it go at the demonstration in Amsterdam?

N1N1: I was not there for the entire demonstration in Amsterdam, but I heard that until the attempted squatting action, the demo was very easy-going, but there was a large police presence around the bloc from the beginning. And at the moment that the anarchist bloc or whatever it was split off, it was immediately a tense situation. This was even before there was the attempt to squat a building.

N4N4: By the way, was there call-out for an anarchist bloc or for a black bloc?

N2N2: The call-out was for an anarchist bloc in both Amsterdam and Rotterdam but people interpreted it as: let's dress all in black. Not because they thought an anarchist call-out means that something is going to happen, but apparently these people think you express being an anarchist by wearing black.

N4N4: So you were saying that the anarchist or black bloc, I don't know if these are the same, but... So were the people in black actually prepared ?

N1N1: I think a part of the bloc was very prepared, just not for how fast the cops responded or the amount of police violence. And some of the people in the bloc were not prepared at all. But most people that were involved were prepared to face aggression and repression.

N4N4: Were they also ready to attack? A bit of a shitty question... It's just when I think of black bloc, I think of people who are ready to initiate something...

N1N1: Well, it's funny that the people who actually did the most direct action were for a big part of them not wearing black...

N4N4: Was it like this in Rotterdam too? Were people prepared to initiate action from the bloc? Because there was this black bloc outfit... you know this whole dress code thing?

N1N1: Nah, there was a call for an anarchist presence and people interpreted this as black bloc dress code, but there was no plan... or a strategic reason to dress like that.
On this matter, I saw a funny quote from the cops about the Rotterdam demo: *"Police in civilian clothes were confronted by the black bloc group with insults, and were called out as cops and touched by these protesters. The commander warned them to stop this. When it continued, one person was arrested."* After that the atmosphere changed...

N3N3: This also leads to the question of hey, what's the purpose of dressing in black all together? Could it be of use? That's really what you should consider in advance and discuss with your people when you choose to attend such events.

N4N4: Do you think the cops in Amsterdam knew something was coming?

N1N1: Yeah, but I think they were not really sure what. Because they really let the bloc split off from the demo. They suspected something would happen and they were just waiting for a sign of something unannounced.

N2N2: I think a positive thing was that there were a lot of people who had maybe not been to many demos or squatting actions... who could not know what to expect in a way, as they wouldn't have a chance to build up experiences before. And other people stood their ground and knew what they were doing. It was nice to see that a bit more experienced people in the front were actually communicating with people more to the back. And even in the moment that we were beaten there were still people checking if everyone was OK. Saying hey, I know it's going to be scary but we are going to do it together.

Rotterdam, October 2021

N1N1: Besides, we can stop talking about a black bloc in Amsterdam as soon as the police interfered...once people were kettled in, there was no cohesion among the group.

N1N1: And the dynamics in Rotterdam were also really not, hey let's communicate or hey I know you, you're my person ,or you're my crew---

N3N3: Well, there was some communication in this heavy situation in the kettle. People were checking up on each other. But at the demos in both Rotterdam and Amsterdam, communication among people in the bloc was too little, too late in that it only started once the cops had already intervened, and people were already kettled, being hit, or getting arrested.

N4N4: And maybe even more disturbing: in the era of social media some people picked up the habit to film everything that happens, not realizing they are also collecting evidence for the cops and prosecutors against the people they're standing with side by side. We really should tell people to knock off this weird filming behavior.

N3N3: Maybe a central question is why might it be important for anarchists to be at these bigger events? And specifically, at these housing demos?

N1N1: There might be two answers to this. One, I think it's important that there is also anarchist presence especially with all these political party people walking around the demo. To create another sound, that there are people who are not into that and these people are not letting their problems get fixed by political parties. The politicians of course just come with promises about how they are going to fix the housing crisis, but they are the ones who create the conditions for this to happen in the first place.
And the second point on the anarchist presence is for me the importance of direct action in the housing struggle, you know, any self-organized initiative that goes beyond just showing up for a demo, because anarchists are usually the ones proposing direct actions like squatting...

N4N4: But then how was it for you to walk next to all these political parties?

N1N1: I didn't!
[all laugh] I knew there would be a direct action at some point, which I agreed on and decided to just participate in this.

N4N4: We get confronted with these shitty political organizations a lot in our lives all over... But how is that in the context of a demo?

[funny facial expressions]

N2N2: I actually think anarchists have no business in these demos. I think it's not an intervention that gives clarity or strength to anarchist ideas, or anarchist practice or struggle. I think at best it allows some opportunity to practice being in the streets together... And to get used to acting together. But that didn't happen very much in Amsterdam or Rotterdam, in part because the 'bloc' was relatively passive until police intervention. And then, these demos are just a gigantic distraction from the potential that could come from anarchists deciding to sit together and naming what they want to do, then acting. This fits in a broader pattern of looking to social movements for struggle and having a dependent relation to something like the broad left, which just limits potential more than giving possibilities or strength.

N4N4: I'm not sure... How about these new people that may have had a nice street experience?

N1N1: It didn't happen... But some new contacts were made anyway.

Just another Sunday in a tired old street... We built this city on rock 'n roll...

N2N2: Is an anarchist presence needed for a good 'street experience' at a demo? Would this even be a goal of an anarchist presence?

N4N4: Let's say another demo is coming up. What should we learn from the past, for a new anarchist bloc... What would be crucial to change in it, or to add to it?

N3N3: I think it would be really nice to have printed stuff, posters or flyers we could spread...

N4N4: Or the Rumoer *[some side-eye]*

N3N3: Some graffiti on the way. With printed materials and graffiti traces left on the route, there is something lasting that can echo the spirit of the demo after it is over. Often, demos are not the best moment for a direct action – or at least, different direct actions need different things. Sometimes a bloc, black or otherwise, is not the most practical moment. Some actions would be easier outside of a demo, at least in part because there would be fewer police already there. But I think it's possible to act from within a bloc or from within a demo, and it would help to build trust and to get to know each other better. And who knows what can happen when there is room for spontaneity and the unexpected?

N4N4: Indeed, one thing we didn't discuss yet is the effective move people made to move in their art object into the police line so people could escape the kettle! That was a strong moment, which happened because people took the effort to communicate quickly in all directions, and seized the moment and the circumstances.

N1N1: That's also why for me is also very important is to understand or to discuss what are the benefits of using the black bloc tactic. Do you want to symbolically show that were walking in this demonstration but were not really part of it? Or is it because you're actually planning on doing something and in this way individuals can be protected by the group? Because it seems a lot of people have not thought much about their strategy. This dress code is a tactic. But if you're just using it to make a statement, what are you even trying to say? Because dressing in black is a tactical choice and not more. It might even make direct action more difficult than more safe. And it's surely not the only way to accomplish the goal of anonymity and blending in.

N3N3: In Tilburg, the demo went a bit differently apparently. Already in the morning the police visited some known anarchists at their homes to intimidate them. Besides that, the city council put pressure on the organizers of the demonstration to change their route to a neighborhood on the outskirts of the city because of expected unrest. So after the official demonstration the anarchist bloc decided to make a tour through the center of the city, to refuse the police being able to control them or their route... way better!

JUST ANOTHER SUNDAY

The last months in the Netherlands have seen a wave of protests in several cities on the subject of housing struggles, specifically around the lack of affordable housing, social rent, and increased homelessness. These demos were organized by (large) organizations such as student unions and formal neighborhood associations, and drew the attention and participation of much of the traditional left, including many political parties, and some anarchists as well. Broadly speaking, these demos seem to be important to many, as they are perhaps the strongest expression of social dissatisfaction (or unrest) in some time in this country.

Before we get carried away in the tide of this nascent social movement, we would like to take some time to look at some of the dynamics that are stoking this moment, and propose some way forward that gives us strength and space to experiment on our own (anarchist) terms.

Legitimacy and the Left

If we are to engage in this struggle, we need to be able to do so without falling into the logic and trap of legitimacy, in the eyes of some perceived 'public' opi-

nion nor through some acceptance or tolerance from the rest of the Left. We would prefer to see our comrades and friends, or anarchists in general, treating the Left as a barrier to liberatory perspectives - in theory as much as in practice - in that we understand politicians, lobby groups, NGOs as part and parcel of the rotten system we are trying to do away with- one which recuperates or hinders through mediation with authority, through making demands of the state and institutions, through accepting the democractic-political terrain. We might even go as far as saying we would like to see anarchists claiming actions and ideas that alienate the Left, that make any collaboration or shared space of struggle impossible, precisely because we think building a culture of revolutionary/ subversives struggle necessarily requires attacking the Left as much as any other enemy.

Apart from the organized left (or the right for that matter...), perhaps some anarchists follow more 'popular' forms and moments of struggle because they want their projects to connect to the public, the people, the non-anarchists, etc. We are concerned that looking for legitimacy or even a certain amount of public support or 'relevance' limits our struggles to the terrain of politics, demands, and waiting for 'the right moment'. It seems absurd to propose a world without hierarchy and domination, and to expect people to break out of the confines of their lives to fight for freedom when we're hanging around in the most democratic and acceptable of spaces.

In practical terms, this can take many forms, but marching in line with whatever political party, participating peacefully in their cycle of demands-protest-democratic initiatives for reform might not be the most logical nor fruitful departure point for an anarchist struggle free from representation and authority. Instead of allowing some vague notion of 'the public', public opinion, or left tradition to define what is legitimate, we want to act with the full force of our convictions, and to find the means to communicate clearly why we act.

On broadening hostilities and conflictuality

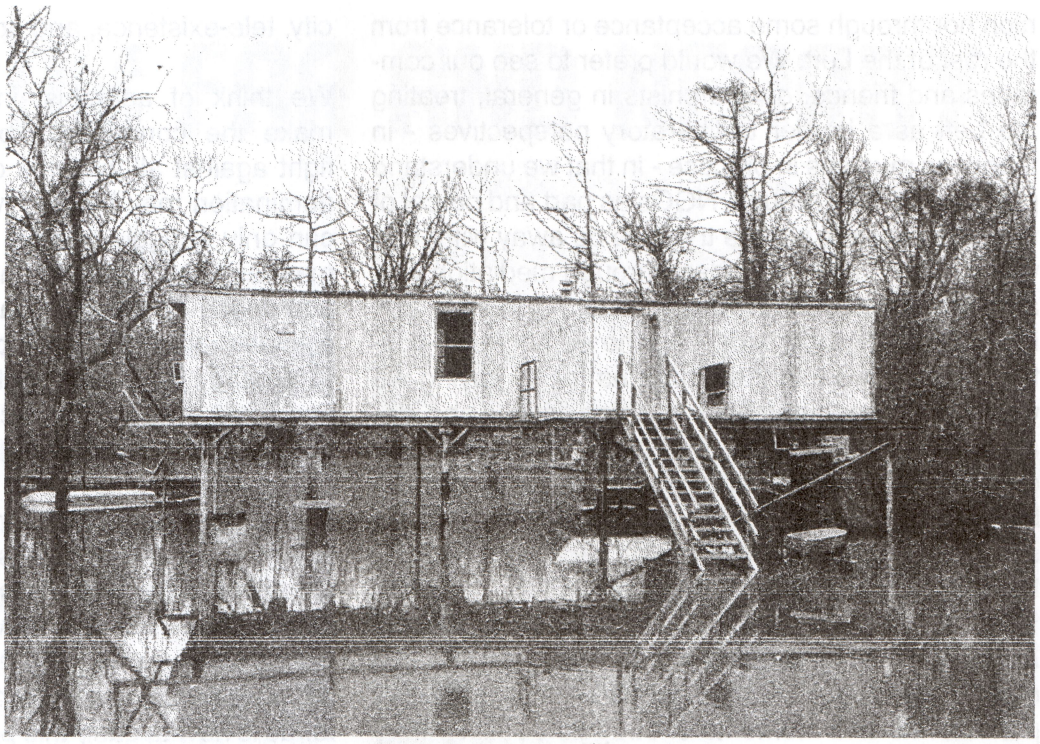
We think that the struggle against gentrification, or at least the processes of transformation of the city, to take this struggle to some point beyond affordable housing, could be an interesting point of departure for anarchists because it has the potential to go toward many of forms of power in our everyday lives: from rent and housing struggles come questions of money, work, and exploitation by bosses, bankers, and tech-bros; repression from police, courts, social housing corporations; bureaucracies, landlords, private property and financial speculation; the smart city, tele-existence, and app groups; and so on.

We think of anarchist intervention in struggle to make the connections between and expand the fight against all systems of domination. Power and domination may be everywhere in our lives, but we can only struggle against it in specific projects and manifestations; making the connections – in words and deeds - between a particular fight and its part in a totality broadens possibilities, allows for struggle to spread, for experimentation with new methods, and limits potential for recuperation into the political spectrum and democratic reform.

To put clear words on it: what we want is the expansion of conflict to every aspect of life, into all the realms where domination and capitalism have rooted themselves. The way we would like to see this conflict take shape as open-ended and chaotic, as this contains within it infinite possibilities. The question for us is how to carry this practice clearly, simply, and with conviction, and to spread it in the ways we know and some which we have yet to discover.

We are not really interested in imagining what contribution anarchists could make by intervening in the current struggle, or to make the movement 'more radical'. We have a small allergy to the suggestion that anarchists have an important part to play in the housing struggle by bringing 'direct action'- aka squatting- to the table. We imagine 'direct action' - or

attack, as some might prefer- to encompass a wide range of possible actions that go in different directions than helping people meet their basic needs (albeit in a direct way). We wish that anarchist ideas have more complexity than forms of social solidarity (or mutual aid), and can propose a way of acting against specific projects of power- one that is direct and self-organized, with no need for formal structures, legitimacy, or waiting for the good moment to act.



If people do decide that this housing struggle is a moment to put energy, time, and attention into, we hope that it will be done with some clarity and brightness, in defiance of political logics and the burdens of stale traditions. Courage and warm greetings to all the comrades spreading proposals and experimenting with different ways of acting, see you in the streets.

NOT JUST ANY MORNING RUSH HOUR
135 BUSES SABOTAGED IN BELGIAN-LIMBURG

Via a very kind email.

October 2021

I know, it's the most normal thing in the world, but I still find it crazy: the daily rat race in the morning rush hour.

The still sleepy bodies silently move on en masse, rushed by the merciless hands of the clock. On auto-pilot to work, school or the umpteenth appointment with a social worker. By now the daily traffic jam of the morning rush hour has returned to the proportions of before the pandemic – the realm of freedom, you know.

Disciplined, idle and productive we shall be! Now and then I find myself among them, silently cursing at the system, at myself and the cup of weak and overpriced coffee in my hand. Submissive, we all rush where the economy, the school system or the government services want us to be. You just hope that one day something unexpected will happen. That this whole crazy normality machine grinds to a halt and suddenly there's time for … something else.

Something else, you might say, is what happened in Limburg on Tuesday, September 28. When the first drivers of 'De Lijn' [The Flemish public transport company] rode-off horribly early, they soon noticed that something was wrong. Their buses all turned out to have flat tires. In the course of the morning it became clear that no fewer than 135 buses had been sabotaged in the depots of Hasselt, Winterslag and Beverlo. Unknown persons must have entered the depots between midnight and 4 a.m. On most of the buses they cut off the valve of at least one tire, rendering the vehicles inoperable in an instant.

And so the morning rush hour turned into a mess. I know that most of the commuters probably have found it very annoying. That they will have been desperately searching for a solution on their smartphones. But I also suspect that many will have thought: "hell, today I'm not going where they're expecting me". I sincerely hope that they have made something beautiful of their day! Finally, here and there a little light will have gone on in a rebellious head: "Well, Well. Look what's possible with a little courage and a little inventiveness."

The motives of the saboteurs are left in the dark. The fact is that there are many good reasons for such acts. Public transport is an indispensable cog in the economic machine whose deadly rhythm we all know.

Yet perhaps a hypothesis. Barely a few days before the large-scale sabotage there was a strike in some sectors. It was the first time that the so-called 'minimal service' was applicable at De Lijn: strikers had to let the bosses know in writing at least 24 hours in advance that they will not be working, so that an alternative timetable can be organized. Even though strikes are usually started for very trivial reasons – and not, say, to unleash a general uprising – it remains a powerful weapon to bring everything to a standstill and to fight. With 'minimal service', this power is broken. Anyway, the saboteurs have convincingly demonstrated that you do not necessarily have to be many to bring things to a standstill. And all that without giving prior written notice.

The unions however couldn't act quickly enough and expressly distance themselves from the sabotage. They are also asking management to urgently install cameras in the bus depots, I read in the newspaper. Suddenly I was reminded that the union is actually a kind of valve, too. The bosses, the politicians, the shareholders and the good citizens ride in the bus. 'The employees'* are crammed together in the tires. They puff from fatigue or blow from anger and so the pressure in the tire increases. Whenever the pressure in the tires gets too high, some air can escape through the valve – the union. But not too much! After all, the bus must be able to keep moving. If the bosses want to pump up some pressure, they usually do so through the union, because who else will make the workers accept yet another 'compromise'? So it's best to cut out that valve as well.

*In earlier, less pacified times the word 'wage slaves' was in vogue.

REFUSE THE CORONA PASS! AND OTHER POINTS ON CORONA

At the time of writing, an image of the "new normal" is emerging. Imagine if, five years ago, a friend of yours had told you the following: "In Austria, there will be a lockdown only for people who are not vaccinated. In China, data on your health is recorded in the social credit point system. And in Italy, you won't be allowed to work if you don't have the corona pass". (Obviously not to work would be a good idea, but people might be dependent on that income) Would you've laughed at your friend? Would you've asked if they were okay? You might have thought your friend was a bit hysterical. But we do know now that things really can change this fast, which worries us for the near future. Already we are being confronted with the corona pass and more, but what else can we expect?

This text does not intend to provide all the answers on the topic of corona, vaccinations, and health, or to present you the truth. There are too many insecurities and things we don't know. But we do know how we feel about control, repression, and exclusion. The state enforces unpredictable, ineffective and extensive measures and tries to justify its right to exist to its civilians. The civilians are tested on their loyalty and endurance (and may feel good about themselves, we are the reasonable ones!). Those not agreeing are hit harder and harder.

From climate crisis to pandemics and the world that causes them

The spreading and development of Covid-19 is inseparably connected to the current global system of more and less capitalist or democratic variants completely based on over-consumption of the earth, exploitation, poverty, and war. On these subjects, but also on something like climate change, there is much less decisive action as there has been on this this shitty disease. This, while the accompanying destruction of natural habitats adds to the development of new diseases.

But in many places in the world, from several strategies and motivations, extensive measurements are being taken to stop the virus. The lines are now drawn between vaccinated/non-vaccinated, whether it is between richer and poorer countries or inhabitants locally. It's probably not a crazy idea to fight this pandemic, but what is the difference in urgency with climate change, which is already killing people for a while. Is it because the pandemic is is affecting our own lives directly rather than being something from a distant world?

Those profiting from the pandemic are, as always, the big companies, bringing money to just a fraction of the world population. Think about the pharmaceutical industry, webshops and online order companies, the developers of corona-apps and technologies to be able to work from home. It's the same group of people who are making money from exploiting na-

ture (but are selling themselves more and more as green).

Around the globe, people are taking the streets to speak up about the measures, quite frequently these protests are used by extreme right characters to spread their hate. But let's not let that increase the confusion: a measure like the corona pass has nothing to do with health or solidarity and being against the corona pass has nothing to do with the extreme right

Corona pass and control

Quickly after the introduction of the corona pass, here in the Netherlands websites were made on which people shared their corona pass. The websites contain QR codes on a fake app that looks like the real thing, and seems to pass the corona check just fine. These codes are shared by people who also share their initials and their date of birth, because officially you also have to show your ID when you get checked. Solidarity... And for sure a middle finger to technological control.

The ones in power are using intimidation and control to make the level of vaccination bigger. Just as sad are the social control and exclusion that the corona pass brings. If you cannot or do not want to comply with one or another QR code, you cannot go to the cinema with your aunt or to the bar with your colleagues, so you will have to explain why you don't want this. Bar-, theater- and gym workers are allowed to control your identity... And also in the Netherlands, they are openly speaking about introducing the corona pass for work and school. When will the alarms go off? To choose to vaccinate, or to choose not to, is an intimate and personal decision. It's about your body, your health. No one should want to interfere or judge you for it.

The corona pass is a repressive means, but also a blackmailing one. Don't be fooled! This is unacceptable, we won't have it. Refuse the downloading and showing of this bullshit. We have been shocked by the fact that some so-called social spaces, like former squatted and now legalized places, enforce the measurements without a question. Last week, they made a benefit for people without papers, and now everyone has to share their personal details while entering? Something went wrong. Suddenly everyone is a volunteer cop. Everyone has to control others, others are putting pressure on everyone.

It does not seem likely that the measures will disappear soon. Surveillance- and control measures scarcely get revoked, as they are worth a lot to the state and its system. Moreover, the measures will also be handy for other goals; just think about the following of health data of Chinese civilians which is already connected to the central system of social control with the use of technology over there.

Vaccinations

We want to refuse to participate in the dirty game of vaccinated/non-vaccinated. We have to write, talk, and act in ways that show this. Everyone makes their choice. There might be legitimate reasons for both options. But the state is enforcing its pressure on its people to take up their responsibility and get a covid vaccination. The idea of taking responsibility gives more possibilities for the state to gain control. Those who do not participate are screwed, who does can feel superior. But every pressure to push someone to be vaccinated is problematic. Even weirder it is that it seems all this lefty kind of people are now next to the VVD (liberal right wing leading political party in NL) as advocates of more exclusion, controls, and limitations.

There are reasons to not get vaccinated, like a healthy distrust in the medical and pharmaceutical industry, the state, etc. The modern medicine is really not so holy, even though frequently it's quite nice that hospitals exist. The world of medicine is not without mistakes and does not always work on the basis of sympathetic motivations. Even when we would assume the available data on vaccinations is correct, there are plenty of things that are still unknown. But for the medical discussion we refer you to your own

favorite (un)reliable source.

Does fake-safety actually make sense

Group immunity is one of the strategies. Locally this already causes problems, but on a global level it's even more unlikely that the whole population can and wants to comply with this. Not just because of objections against the vaccine, but also because of the availability of the vaccine itself. Rich countries and the medical industry are delivering way less vaccines than promised to poorer countries, while at the same time not wanting to let go of the patents on the vaccines. This virus will stay for a while more, even if just because vaccinations are so profitable.

All the recommendations and measures have not yet been successful, the virus parts just keep on spreading. Anarchist parts could learn from that! The measures against the virus many times turned out to be useless (the curfew, to name one) or were actually opposite to what was originally proposed (face masks were discouraged). Every time, a program is presented which is going to keep you safe as long as you obey the state. False safety for life.

Yes, all is complicated. But let's not be intimidated by that, it wouldn't be like us. We shouldn't be misguided by the smokescreens they put up. Let's not make our decisions based on fear (of the disease or someone else's judgement of your choices). Our enemies are the same as always: those who want to have power over others, who want to exploit and control them. Just like those who want to live at the costs of people far away, but are fearful and hating toward those they don't know.

So. Like some Italian comrades recently formulated on their poster: No corona pass, but not only that! For sure no corona pass! But also no capitalism, no borders, no patriarchy, no God, no police and no state...

THE BROOKLYN CENTER RIOT
AN INTERVIEW

Below, you will find an interview taken from the anarchist periodical Anathema, published in August 2021. We hope that these words will resonate with experiences and impressions made here in recent times, especially around sharing moments of struggle and revolt in the streets with unknown people, and dealing with cycles of action followed by relative calm, such as during the corona riots this past winter, or more distantly, during street-based responses to police murders.

This interview was conducted two months ago, which was already two months after the events this spring in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. The riot in Brooklyn Center took place in the context of the Derek Chauvin trial, almost a year after he murdered George Floyd. This interview was an attempt to reflect on one participant's experience of the events in Brooklyn Center and consider what they tell us about how things might unfold in the future. For many of us, the George Floyd uprising has weighed heavily on our minds as we try to imagine next steps to take. What became clear to me in this interview was that between the George Floyd uprising and the Brooklyn Center riot —despite the direct influence and geographic proximity —was an expanse. Although the Brooklyn Center riot was an outgrowth of the George Floyd uprising, it was also a reminder that the previous summer's events would not be repeated. Now, after a relatively quiet summer, it seems all the more important to be looking toward the future rather than fixating our gaze on last summer's uprising. In this interview, we explore some of the developments and unique characteristics of uprisings in the aftermath of the George Floyd uprising.

You were in Brooklyn Center in April. Can you describe what happened?

Yes, there was a police murder: Daunte Wright, 20 years old. He was basically trying to flee the scene where he got stopped. There was two nights of rioting — I am going to say rioting. Some people want to say "it's not a riot, it's a rebellion." I am just going to say it was a riot. People were throwing stuff at the cops. There was looting by car in the Brooklyn Center area, also in Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs. The first night the neighboring police station got shot up; someone shot the front doors of it. Someone else shot at a cop — maybe 3 days after it started. All throughout people were calling for the burning down of the police precinct (that was the focal point of the riot). They never succeeded. People tried. The police set up a gate. It was similar to what happened in Portland at the courthouse. But they didn't actually breach the gate.
After the first two days of looting, arson, street fighting, and property destruction, there was basically a week of confrontational protests in front of the police precinct.

From what you witnessed, what have been the most significant changes since last year?

Brooklyn Center, US, April 2021

What's been happening since the fall of last year, the police have been really ready for riots. So, when people engage in riot tactics, they need to outmaneuver the police. It can't be this kind of frontal assault the way it happened in Minneapolis at the 3rd precinct. That started with the Breonna Taylor revolt of late September. There aren't 1000s of people in the street fighting the cops. That's not happening.
Also, in Brooklyn Center, you would see people in black bloc or this "frontliner" aesthetic trying to stop young, mostly Black kids from setting things on fire and building barricades.

Wait —what would motivate people to dress up in black bloc attire in order to stop riots?

I don't know. I just think it's become a popular aesthetic and people have adopted it that have never experienced re-volts before. It's weird, this group called Minnesota Freedom Fighters — it's basically like a nonprofit. Their goal is to deescalate riots, but they all dress in black bloc and wear gas masks and have umbrellas. It's a strange thing that's been imported from Portland, and originally from Hong Kong and Chile. It made sense in Portland and Seattle, but then once it makes it to places like Philly and Brooklyn it gets isolated from the insurgent activities happening. It's very bizarre. In Brooklyn Center, it's almost exclusively young, Black, poor and working class still out there willing to engage in insurgent tactics. And they are becoming isolated. Brooklyn Center is 20 minutes outside of Minneapolis and it's very suburban. That's what made the terrain really hard for rioting to happen. It's pretty much a residential neighborhood with apartment buildings. There were two gas stations and a strip mall —that all got fucked up.

You say it was difficult terrain. What was rioting like in the suburbs?

It made it harder to have a sustained riot that would breach the gates since there weren't thousands of people there.
There were isolated forms of struggle: shooting at cops, the national guard. Winston Smith is an example of this. It's not something everyone can participate in —it's dangerous. But it's also what's happening in the absence of mass uprising. A dollar store got set on fire. That whole strip mall got fucked up and looted. There was a really interesting moment: the owner of a pizza shop was like: I will make you guys some pizza. He started making pizzas for the crowd of potential looters. And that's how he avoided his store getting fucked up. There were a couple of militia people with assault rifles trying to protect the dollar general and they quickly got surrounded by young people who were like: you are not going to stop us. And they just walked around them. That was a very intense moment. There were other people who didn't have guns who tried to protect property and they just got beat up. The people who were rioting on the first two nights were still in the minority but they were able to do things.

What changed on the third night? Were the militias and peace police more successful at stopping rioters?

I think it was that in combination with police repression: the National Guard was out there; the FBI was out there. We got stopped by people who said they were working with the FBI. We were just leaving an area where all the stuff was happening and got stopped by like 5 different squad cars. They took pictures of us, our tattoos, our injuries. We had all this stuff in our car (gas masks, body armor), but we didn't have anything illegal on us. So, they couldn't actually do anything. They were gathering intelligence. They interrogated us. Each of us got separated; there was 4 of us. We got put in a different car. They tried to scare the shit out of us saying "you are all getting booked, you are getting processed and fingerprinted, we are impounding the car." They asked us questions about how we knew each other and how we were connected. Then they just let us go. People like us got away with so much shit last summer that we got comfortable. The terrain has changed and we can't get away with the same kind of stuff. We we-

ren't as aware of that as we should have been. Last year, especially with the pandemic, the State was not ready. That changes what people can do. There will continue to be smaller localized uprisings with short duration, and there's a limit they will reach very fast. Beginning with the Breonna Taylor protests in September and confirmed by the Walter Wallace riots in October, the cops got a lot more violent. One result of it is the multiracial dimension has diminished. Because of the repression. The first time I noticed that was when I was in Louisville in September and it was mainly young Black people out there.

Were there anarchists in the riot?

Out of any political tendency, the anarchists went the hardest, but they were still a small minority. And they weren't relevant "as anarchists." The starting point should be what the people in the street that are fucking shit up want to do. It hasn't been anarchist politics that has pushed people to be confrontational with the State. What needs to happen next is burning down every police precinct in the United States. So that's what we push for. We don't push for people to become anarchists. Brooklyn Center riot was localized and several months ago.

Is it relevant to people in Philly now?

There's things to learn from it. Things are becoming more atomized, more dangerous and falling into a more general outlaw culture. The impasse experienced in Brooklyn Center is happening in Philly too. There is not a full-blown uprising; instead, you see these more diffuse forms of struggle. When the Chauvin trial concluded, in Philly there was groups of young people on dirt bikes throughout the whole city, with cops chasing after them. It was clearly a form of resistance.

Final thoughts?

People don't care what you say you are about. It's whether you are perceived to be part of the riot. It's those who are loyal to the spirit of revolt and everyone else. That's the divide. If you are just being a spectator, you might not be so welcome. More than anything, it's what you communicate by your actions.

In the previous edition of RUMOER, we published a text about the arson of two antennas in France in 2020. Below you will find a letter from the comrade arrested and imprisoned for this act, as well as two texts that echo some similar themes elaborated in the letter: that this world is as full of potential points to attack as it is full of power and domination, and that each one of us can act in the here and now; and specifically, that technology, permanent digital connectivity, and electricity are central to both the maintenance of power and the destruction of all life. Although the texts following the letter are a few years old, we chose to include them in this issue to continue our reflections and discussions, of course... and also because we can't yet let go of the excitement we had when (5G) antennas were being attacked across this country, and our fervent hope that attacks on the infrastructure around us continue and spread.

LETTER FROM BORIS: WHY I BURNED TWO ANTENNAS ON MONT POUPET

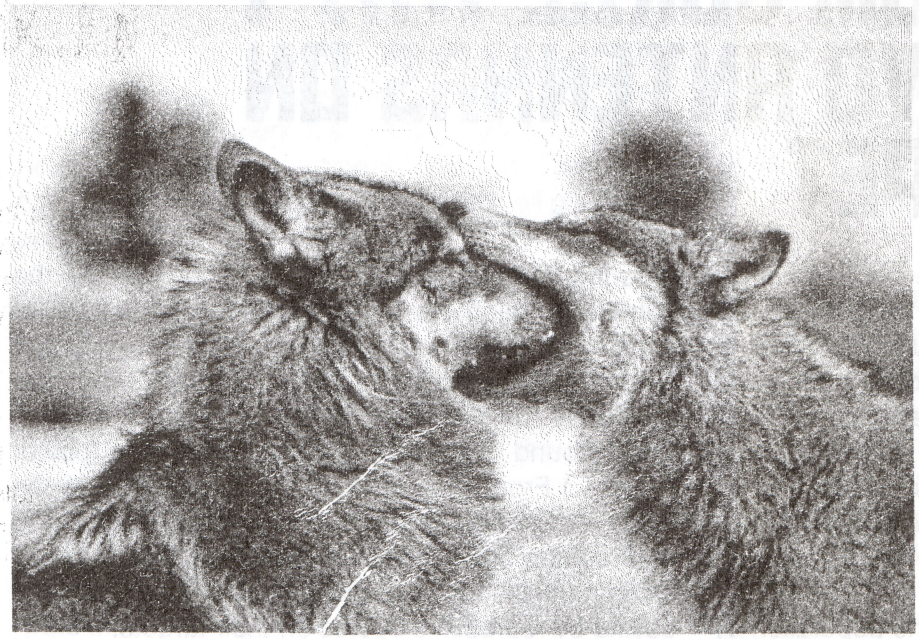
Hi, I'm Boris. I've been incarcerated in the Nancy Maxéville prison for 9 months now for burning two cellphone network antennas in the Jura in April 2020. If I decide only now to write a few public words about my case, it is mainly because the State has just sentenced me and it seems vital to me to put to paper my impressions and my rage against this techno-totalitarianism which have not faded at all since I have been locked up. Quite the contrary.

While the States agreed to muzzle the population by ordering them to stay obediently at home under the guise of curbing the Covid-19 pandemic, waves of sabotages broke out in France and across Europe (Netherlands, England, Italy...) against the infrastructures of techno-domination (relay antennas, underground fiber-optic networks, electric power plants...) From East to West, from the South to the North of France, pylons were knocked down, had their cables cut, burned by dozens, interrupting telecommunications, geo-location of cell phones, and spying by repressive bodies on their targets.

At the time of writing, the sabotage of telecommunication networks continues unabated, although it is in the interest of domination to cover it up or minimize it. Sometimes, the scale of destruction is such that it is impossible to mute it, as with the fire of a TDF (telecommunications operator company) relay in the Bouches-du-Rhône at the beginning of December 2020, or the claimed incendiary sabotage near Limoges which started the year 2021with good resolutions.

The technological web, which covers all territories, is spreading at full speed and will perfect its functioning with the new 5G network, and makes acceptable a whole bunch of new social norms imposed by the State, with the recommendations and blessing of doctors and scientists. Just like a whole bunch of products and drugs that keep the population demure and docile, screens play a crucial role in getting the vast majority to accept confinement: telecommuting, tele-apéro, tele-school, tele-... How could domination have made so many people "respect" this large-scale house arrest without all this techno-structure?

It is now the time of the acceleration of flows and data, of the connectivity of everyday objects that control, listen to, trace, and spy on more and more, to make humans more constantly slaves of the machine. It is all of this that domination calls "progress", "civilization". In reality, this project of society has all aspects of a dystopia. Faced with this digital grid, there are not 36,000 solutions. It seems necessary to me to go beyond the stage of criticism and to act here and now, linking ideas and action, taking the necessary precautions to avoid falling into the web of repression. And unfortunately, I know what I am talking about.



The whole story starts with a new-looking blue plastic cap covered in an oily substance at the foot of one of the two antennas of Mont Poupet, from which my DNA is taken. As I am already on file, I find myself in the sights of judges and cops who put significant human and financial resources into spying on my daily life (my habits, the people I see) during the summer of 2020 (including imsi catcher, cameras in front of homes, gps under the cars of my relatives, phone tapping and geo-location of cell phone signals, plainclothes cops of the GIGN of Versailles following me and staking out some locations...)

As far as the first period of my arrest (the garde à vue) is concerned, I must say that I "screwed up" when I spoke (even if it was only about me). Although I have been through many preliminary detentions before without ever saying anything, that day I made a fatal mistake, which, once made, is impossible to repair or to erase. All that is left is the risk of getting in even deeper, of getting sucked into explanations that can only be damaging to the accused.
I was angry at myself and I am still angry at myself today, for having given any information to repression by answering during the interrogation by these inquisitors of power, real perverts who know perfectly well how to get into someone's head and make them crack. It will never happen again.

On 22 September in Besançon, the gendarmes of the Besançon regional section (and others from the Oracle unit) accompanied by the Dijon judicial police, burst into my house and two other homes around 6:30 am. On rogatory commission (an official procedure at the behest of a judge) of the investigating judge Lydia Pflug (head of the JIRS of Nancy), for destruction by fire of relay antennas in organized gang, participation in a criminal association and destruction by fire in organized gang, in Besançon in the period from January 9 to April 9, 2020.

Although the two other people searched were released at the end of the day, I was sent after the initial 48 hours of custody to the judge's office, charged with setting fire to two relay antennas on Mont Poupet in the Jura on April 10, 2020 and named as a hostile witness for another fire, that of a machine room of a SFR relay TDF Mont de Bregille above Besançon. This was qualified as an attempted arson.

At the end of the investigation in

March 2021, the public prosecutor's office requested the dismissal of the charges of participation in a criminal association and for the attempted fire in late March, but renewed the referral to the correctional court for the fire of April 10, 2020.
During this nighttime fire during confinement, the telecommunications of all tele-comm operators (Bouygues SFR Orange and Free) as well as the repressive organs of the State (police and gendarmerie) and the electricity company Enedis were temporarily out of service. The estimated damage is between 750,000 and one million euros. It is for these facts that I appeared on May 19 at the court of Nancy. Despite the request for postponement from my lawyer, who could not be present, the court proceeded with the hearing after an hour of delay. The masquerade could then continue, with no one in the audience but with a journalist from the local press, ready to reveal his best qualities of lackey to power to help assert a little more domination, to assist the state to pass its cowardly and cold revenge, sheltered from the eyes and the ears of those who had come in support.
The president, who from the beginning of the trial complained about the lack of consideration of the minister toward the bodies of judges* (would grumbling from the cops give ideas to the judges?), took up the chorus of the poor sick citizen who, from deep in the countryside, couldn't call the hospital to receive treatment.

I retorted simply that it is time to learn to live with each other, something society has taken away from us by isolating us behind machines, with screens that make us blind, blinders that make us numb to the atrocities of this world which exploits, poisons, and kills living beings, human and non-human. I then gave a personal example about how I grew up without a cell phone and that there was certainly more mutual aid and support between people, a time when we didn't need an application to talk to each other, to meet each other, to kiss each other...

I'll jump straight to the verdict announced by the judge, which I barely heard. Four years in jail with two years of probation plus several tens of thousands of euros in fines (I don't remember the exact amount).
When I left the court, I had the pleasure to see a good group of friends and compasses in support who for a moment lost the CRS to greet me with cries of Freedom! Freedom! It sent me a lot of warmth and strength. My eyes were filled with sadness, joy, and a lot of rage all at the same time.

A few minutes after the verdict was pronounced, I already knew that I would appeal, which I did three days later while I was in solitary confinement.

I would like to clarify a few points about what was published in the press. I did not act only against 5G technology. It is the entirety of the networks (2g, 3g, 4g) against which I fight. Techno-totalitarianism imposes its macabre plans at full speed, reinforcing and improving already existing infrastructures. Of course, 5G will require the installation of a multitude of mini-antennas everywhere to accelerate the flow of information data and thus allow for example to connect every object of daily life. Removing all autonomy from individuals, making them slaves of machines while spying on them for commercial or other purposes (self-isolation, exploitation at home through telecommuting, abandonment of direct contact and touch between people, omnipresence of small and large screens in our lives), this is the near future taking shape, a dystopia on the rise.

By the way, for those who continue to believe in so-called "green" energies, in the pseudo energy transition which is in reality only an accumulation of resources, in the extraction of a whole bunch of metals from all four corners of the earth, the necessary quantities of which to produce their electric cars, their kilometers of cables (underground or high up) are constantly increasing and which sow cancers, devastation, and death: the problem is not only the emission of greenhouse gases. This is only a small part of it. The "all electric" is just as devastating and deadly. The extraction of all these metals can only be done by using ultra-toxic and polluting acids which contaminate and poison soils and waterways, causing incurable diseases, if not a quick and certain death. This is the reality of the digital world that they try to pass off as ecological, as an alternative to air pollution.

For so many reasons, I am part of those who, at the first resounding of the state and sanitary order, refused to lock themselves up at home and went out to directly attack one of the pillars of domination.

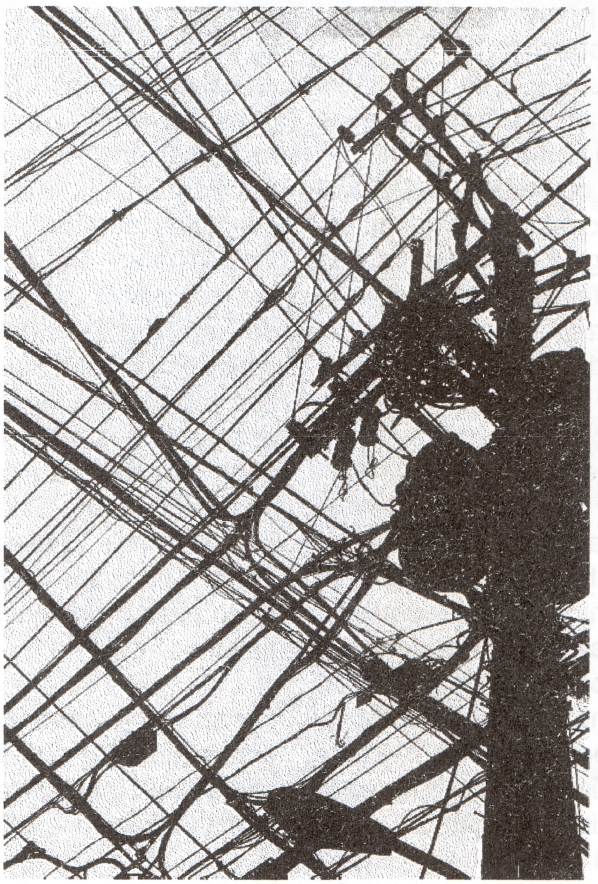
Heads high, hearts burning!
Long live anarchy!
Boris

*According to the judge, prisoners are privileged by the minister, as they are the first to be vaccinated (before judges) which is quite surely completely false.

ATTACK!

Found together with the next text "Thousand Pinpricks" in Feuer den Knästen!, a paper evoked by the arrest of an anarchist in Zürich, published in spring 2019

The ringing of the alarm clock in the morning beats me from my sleep. First act: I turn on my cell phone. Through satellites, relay antennas and so on my phone synchronizes with those of everyone else. At the same time we're living the same life. Connected with the internet, something invisible is swirling through me, my phone is sending and receiving permanently. Another rhythm is ruling, when the nightly rhythm is ringed to death, when I have synchronized myself with the interconnected world. The staccato of live broadcast, of uninterrupted availability, of permanent accessibility, of time tables and appointments, of schedules and deadlines.



Second Act: I disconnect my cell phone from the electricity grid. Without it my phone would be nothing, just plastic and metal waste, with a few parts made of rare earth elements. Thanks to energy production, dependent on nuclear power and coal, a global network, this critical infrastructure, which guarantees our life, each and every day, and which can only function protected by army and police and specialists. After using multiple devices, which also assume a network – without which they would be completely useless – I set foot on the streets. I walk under the streetlights – in the city, darkness doesn't exist anymore, no places dodge visibility – along the distribution boxes for energy and telephones, the electric advertising panels, the shops with securing devices – and out of blatancy a thought appears: electricity serves the existing property relations – more than a thousand kilometers of glass fiber- and copper cables, just half a meter under my feet.

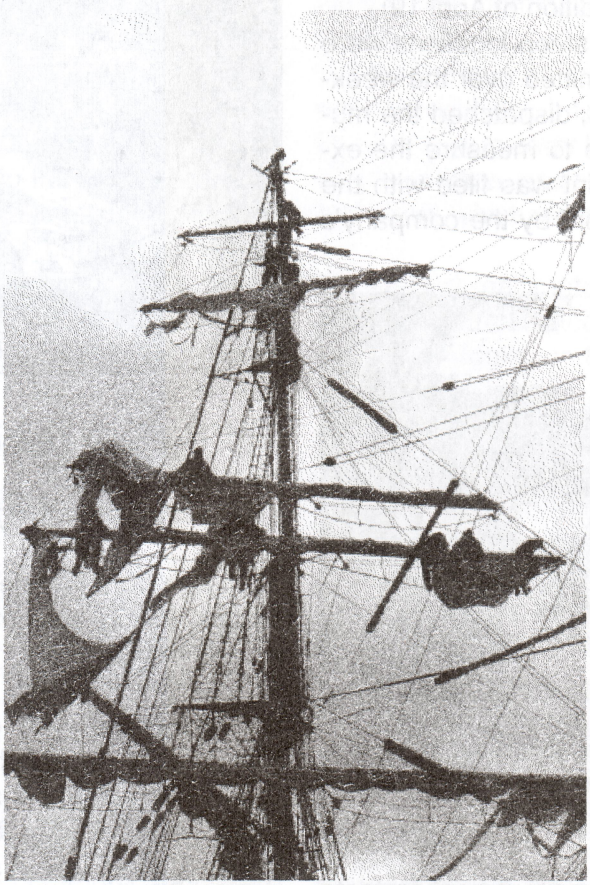
I pass the gully covers which give access to shafts, in which the veins of the modern world are running. Taking the train, also the covering concrete slabs along the rails attract attention, under which again cables are wiggling and after every few meters the set of signals: without that nothing will go on anymore and the human capital and the dead goods will no longer arrive where they shall be consumed or produce surplus value. Leaving the ant's view, I take a look upward and see the antennas for radio, Internet, telephone, radios on the roofs... police radio. The maintenance of daily misery is based on certain channels – if these collapse, people have to change their daily routine. The communication of those who defend property relations on the streets – cops and military – runs through antennas, under which we are walking from morning until night. If a radio mast breaks down, if a cable harness burns, if an accurate cut is made through the glass fiber cable or through the copper one of the streetlights, suddenly a space of darkness opens up, a moment of confusion for some, who didn't learn to act and think autonomously and didn't want to, who always wait for instructions and orders and obey them and a possibility for others to do something, which often seems impossible. As our world is becoming more and more a huge machine, as the veins of domination are getting more filigree, covering the whole territory with a net, then – if we want to attack – we have to be able to detach our glances from the most obvious and to try to include in our analysis of the ongoing developments the possibilities which we want to give ourselves. The more complex the world, the more vulnerable it is to disorders. These hubs and the connections between them, that we find nearly everywhere exposed, are the raw points to be cut. In a moment when even the air is burning it doesn't make sense to set a fire where the flames are dancing already and where all eyes are focused. The radio silence, the breakdown of communication, the interrupting of command chains, these – and even much more – are the possibilities which we can find, if we are searching for points to attack with a creative and analytical look.

A THOUSAND PINPRICKS
ABOUT THE ARSON OF AN ANTENNA IN ZURICH AND INDIVIDUAL ACTION

Article found in anarchist street newspaper 'Fernweh' from Munich, edtion 26, June 2017

Of course the world, how it is today, is shit, but what should I as a single person do against it?", a popular exclamation, especially from people, that afterwards let themselves fall back on the couch, or – flicking away their cigarette – go back in to the bar to order the next beer.

This argument builds on the idea that innumerable amounts of people are necessary to change something, that we (whoever that is) must first become the majority to be able to do something. That is the illusion of politics, that is the pretense many people use to justify their passivity. It is about recognizing that what is in our power are our individual acts. We can only influence that which we do ourselves. What the others are up to, what the masses do, is not our concern. What one person can do can seem like very little, but at the same time it is all we have and in it exists the biggest possible potential of our existence. Each of our acts has an impact on our social surrounding (the not-acting is also an act and favors the not-acting of others). The individual action, about which I will speak in a bit, may perhaps sound like something drastic, but it is not about saying that some actions are more important than others because they cause more damage. Of course it is true that there are differences, some acts concern thousands of people, others maybe only a few, but that doesn't make the one better than the other, they are just different acts with different effects that in that situation can be exactly the right decision – at least the one of acting, instead of not acting.



Mid July 2016 the cables at the feet of an antenna belonging to Zürich police got torched. The cables burned down and besides some hundred thousands Francs of damage, the antenna was out of service for some days. This antenna was an emergency antenna of the city police. [...] The antenna that was set ablaze was part of the critical infrastructure of the police and shows how vulnerable and attackable these seemingly omnipotent institutions like the police are. Or, like anarchist comrades from Zürich express: "the numerical superiority, like those in terms of weapons, doesn't count as much against the intelligence and practical ability of people. A few cables, which at the right place and in the right moment can be torched from a single person, have the potential to bring a entire army into chaos". This shows how much a individual action can accomplish when it is thoughtfully prepared and planned. But it is not about doing only such – in relation to other actions – elaborate actions. But exactly the combination of different acts from different persons, which are active against dominion and oppression in their daily lives, is what is interesting. Thousands of smaller and bigger pinpricks – whether it is tearing down election posters or burning down antennas of the police - that is what really hurts dominion. I want to close with a few words from the anarchist comrade in clandestinity: "Obviously it is important to put grains of sand in this machine, but the questions of when, where, how, with whom and which effect is desired are equally pertinent."With this in mind, all the strength in the world to the comrade on the run, wherever he might be!

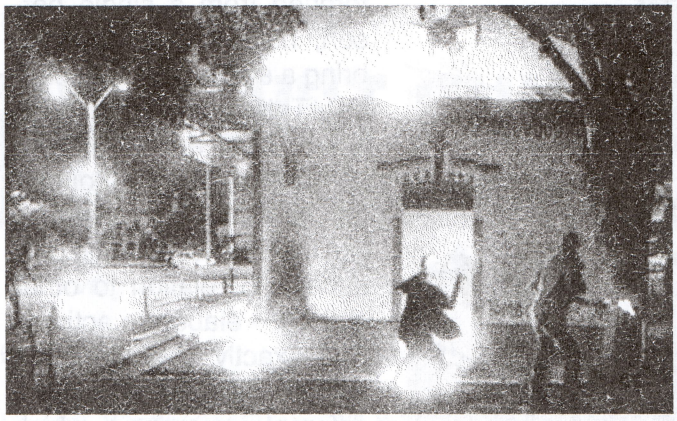
NEWS FROM FAR AND NEARBY

JULY

(Info collected from the media by rumoer)

France, Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas (Gard) – The hunters get more visits
(Via attaque.noblogs.org Translated by Act for freedom now!)

The members of the hunting society The Saint-Hubert once raised lookout posts, wooden watch towers, in the forest of Boissonnade [...]. In the spring, vandalism was committed against these installations as well as the hunting lodge (edition of April 19).
This time, six watch towers in steep locations were cut down. The acts were committed over the weekend. The mayor, Claude Salau, dispatched the municipal police officer to the site to measure the extent of the damage. A complaint was filed with the gendarmerie of Pont-Saint-Esprit by the company's president.



Colombia, Medellin, July 2021

Colombia, Medellin - People Set Fire to Police Station in Medellín in Response to Police Rape
(Via: amwenglish.com)

A few days ago, during the anti-government protests in Medellin, Colombia a 15 year old girl was raped by the police. On July 2, groups of feminists set fire to the police station with Molotov cocktails.
This is not an isolated case, since the protests started, more than 2 months ago, 28 women have been raped.
The uprising in Colombia has hit its 67th consecutive day. Despite hundreds of people being killed and disappeared, and police shooting out the eyes of demonstrators, people have been returning to the streets, fighting back valiently, burning police stations and attacking police.

Netherlands, Gemert - Some police cars are burned down

On the parking spot Gelind in Gemert two police cars went up in flames on Wednesday night. The fire was found around a quarter to four. Fire brigades put down the fire, but could not prevent heavy damage to the police cars.

Netherlands, Gemert, juli 2021

A49, Germany - Sabotage at the A49 construction site
(Via: actforfree.noblogs.org)

We learn from regime propaganda sources of a sabotage action against the construction of the A49 freeway in Germany.
Following is the text:
About 150,000 euros of material damage at the A49 construction site in Schwalmstadt SCHWALMSTADT (ol). Five different construction vehicles and equipment were severely damaged last week at the A49 freeway construction site in Schwalmstadt. The unknowns allegedly caused material damage of about 150,000 euros. The police see a connection with protests against the the further construction of the A 49. According to the police, the property damage allegedly occurred between July 2 and 5.
Unknown perpetrators are said to have mainly damaged the elements of electronic control elements and technical equipment of the vehicles on the fenced-in construction site at the "Biedenbacher Ponds". Also according to police, controls and cables were damaged and cut in a chain crane, a crawler excavator, a wheel loader and a construction crane. In the case of one roller, they reportedly poured an unknown powder into the tank. In addition, they broke into the water treatment plant and keys to work equipment were stolen.

Germany, a49, July 2021

Congo, Kinshasa - Uprising After Murder of Student by Police
(Via: amwenglish.com)

A student from the University of Kinshasa was killed Saturday July 26 in Kinshasa by a policeman who reproached him for not carrying a mask during the recording of a video ordered as part of a practical work. The student who was accompanied by a dozen colleagues and a teacher received two bullets.
The students barricaded roads, burned tires while others threw stones at the police. The police office near the university was burned on Saturday as the shooter fled leaving behind his weapon and his outfit. Students still attempted to demonstrate Monday, but the police used the Kulunas, gangs of popular neighborhoods related to police networks.

Congo, Kinshasa, July 2021

France, Grenoble - scopelec vehicle boom
(Via: nantes.indymedia.org, translated by actforfreedomnow!)

During the night of 15 to 16 July, a Scopelec van was set on fire in the Eaux Clairs district of Grenoble.
A small boom against this company which participates in the extension of technological control by installing telecom networks (fibre optics, 5G etc.). The introduction of a 'health pass' is one more brick in the construction of "smart cities", surveillance and tracing. Solidarity with Boris locked up for the arson of two relay antennas!
ps: rain does not extinguish the fire

Czech Republic, Teplice - Explosion and Fire in Response to Police Murder of Stanislav Tomáš
(Via: actforfree.noblogs.org)

Explosion and fire in the comfort zone of the rich
The police protect the rich. They defend their power and property they have because they exploit workers.
Police act hard against poor people. He holds them with violence and his threat in obedience and poverty. Some also kills. Like Stanislav Tomáš in Teplice.
Inside the comfort zone of the riches, on the outskirts of Teplice, 12. 7. 2021 intentionally established fire.
This morning, snaps in the villas awakened small explosions and flames.
This is anger directed against the rich and their police security guard.
This is a restlessness that is provoked by police brutality.
This is a nightmare that disrupts their sleep.
Police is a global gang terrorizing poor and uprooted population. But all over the world also comes inspiring responses against their brutality. In Portland, Chile, Bremen, Brussels, Mexico, Athens, Kiev, France, Berlin, New York, Bristol, Patras, USA ...
The resistance is everywhere, where there is police violence. Now also in Teplice.

Turkey - Children of Fire Initiative Attack Regime Targets in Turkey
(Via: amwenglish.com)

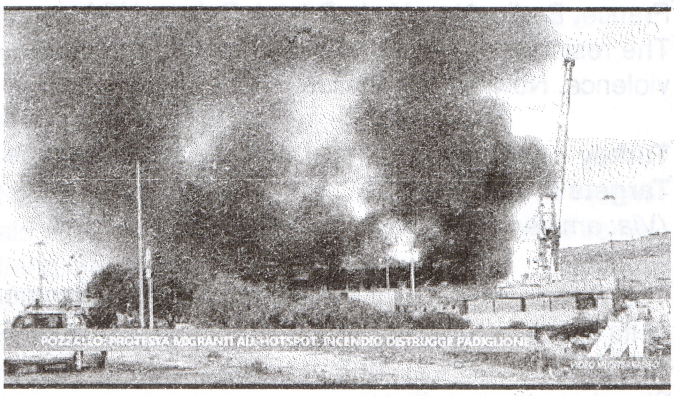
The Children of Fire Initiative released the outcome of its sabotage attacks, targeting Turkish regime and AKP/MHP fascists in June.
90 sabotage operations:

- 15 factories burned down
- 45 vehicles
- 5 yachts
- 24 facilities

Children of Fire Initiative commented on their work:
"In the 1990s, the fascist Turkish state burned thousands of villages in Kurdistan, exiled millions of Kurds from their own lands. The Turkish state still insists on the same policy today. Killing 34 of our people in Roboski, burning our wounded brothers alive in the basements of Cizre, bombarding the mountains and lands of Kurdistan and burning their forests, bombarding the graves of Kurds without even respecting their dead. As the Children of Fire Initiative, we are the people who opposed this brutality of the Turkish state and swore to avenge it. In the month June, revenge was taken and will continue to be taken by burning factories, workplaces, workshops, warehouses, vehicles and shops belonging to AKP-MHP fascists and its supporters in the metropolitan area of Turkey."

Italy, Pozzallo - incendiary revolt in the centre for migrants
(Via: sansnom.noblogs.org, translated by actforfree-domnow!)

On Sunday 18 July, at around 6.30pm, a fire broke out in the Pozzallo hotspot (migrant detention centre) in Sicily (Ragusa province), after some migrants set fire to their mattresses. The European Union hotspot was housing around one hundred migrants, including twenty minors, who had recently arrived in Italy on makeshift boats. Locked up in this structure for the duration of their Covid quarantine, they were then to be directed towards other detention centres in Sicily.
The main building was put out of action by the fire, and the prefecture immediately "rehabilitated" the old building for women, and also transferred some twenty migrants to Cifalì, bringing their total to 78. However, what makes the accounts not add up is that 36 migrants managed to escape from the Pozzallo hotspot thanks to its fire. While 7 have been recaptured, the others are still at large...



Italy, Pozzallo, July 2021

AUGUST

France, Montreuil, France - Smoke signals of solidarity
(Via: attaque.noblogs.org, translated by actforfree-domnow!)

Last night, we wanted to send a message of solidarity to Boris, an anarchist comrade who is in coma because of a fire in his cell in the Nancy-Maxèville prison.
In Montreuil gentrification is advancing by leaps and bounds with new buildings for a more affluent population attracted by the extension of the metro. We're no admirers of the poor slums and traffic-ridden neighbourhoods, a simple form of capitalism, albeit illegal. But the labyrinth of alleys between the small self-built houses has its charm and allows other relationships between the people who live there, less dictated by money. A different relationship to the State too. The winding alleys make video surveillance less effective, which is also advancing in Montreuil (as everywhere in Paname).
In this context, advertising is an important vector for conveying the capitalist and authoritarian values of this society. These values include property, consumption, work, "success" and conformity. These ideas have colonized the imagination of most of the world, including the poorest and most marginal social classes. This conformism of thought prevents people from imagining something else, another life. How do you talk about revolution to people who only dream of wealth, family, and futile gadgets that fill up their lives?
So we thought that a JC Decaux van would make a good target. The one that was parked on Ernest Savart Street went up in smoke. Same thing for an Enedis van (no need to introduce it, in the most nuclearized country in the world) a little further down, rue Victor Beausse
Courage Boris!
Head high, heart glowing!
Long live anarchy!

SEPTEMBER

Netherlands, The Hague - fire at Thales cash machines
(Via: indymedia.nl)

Last night, two NS [Nederlandse Spoorwegen, the Dutch National Railways] ticket machines were set on fire at The Hague Moerwijk station. The NS ticket machines are managed and operated by the arms company Thales. Thales controls the railway network in the Netherlands: payments and doors, signal changes, video surveillance, etc. (see: www.thalesgroup.com/en/europe/netherlands/transportation-netherlands).
Thales' biggest profit, however, comes from the arms and security industry. The company supplies radar equipment and other technology to the authorities who stop migrants and refugees at Europe's borders. Thales is thus contributing to the death and misery of thousands of people.
Thales is profiting from Fortress Europe, from war and militarism. Thales is our enemy. Wherever the company is, it must be attacked. Fire and flames for the profiteers of Fortress Europe!

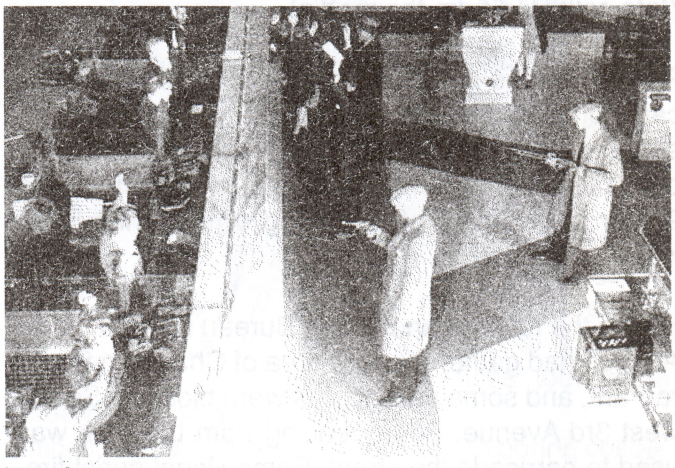
Yemen, Aden - demonstrations and fire set to government buildings.
(Info collected from the media by rumoer)

As there were widespread and violent protests against poverty and the outages of electricity, three

people were killed in Aden in south Yemen. Hundreds of stone-throwing protesters clashed with security forces in Aden's Khour Maksour, Crater and Sheikh Othman districts. Demonstrators blocked roads, set fire to government buildings and burned cars in the streets. "We came out to protest after our life has become impossible. There is no electricity, no water, and salaries can't buy us anything. We are not going to wait until we die."

Netherlands, Amsterdam – Housing protest and attempted squatting action
(Info by rumoer)

Several ten thousands of people appear on the housing protest. The housings situation in the city is absurd (and not just in this city), with all the shitty consequences of capitalism. Some people separate themselves of the demo and attempt to squat a a building and put some vibes to the demo. The cops were not having it and the attempt failed due to some little mistakes. A couple of squatters said the police escalated the situation, we hope that wont happen again and you escalate the situation yourself! In the weeks following there are several housing-demonstrations in the whole country, with strong anarchist presence.



France, - Update on the situation of Claudio
(Translation from a sweetheart)

Claudio Lavazza, after having served almost 25 years in Spanish prisons, 8 of which in the Fies regime – the "prison within the prison" of the Iberian penitentiary system, was extradited to France. Since May 2021 he is detained in the Mont-De-Marsan prison, where he serving a 10 year sentence for a bank robbery.

In France, he awaits the procedure to determine his cumulative sentence – based the time already spent inside, a judge will determine the actual period that he still needs to serve.

Regarding the sentences he faces in Italy – two life sentences he was given at a trial he was judged in absentia –, the Assize Court of Appeal of Milan has recently declared that they fall under the statue of limitations! These were concerning actions carried out in the Seventies in Italy by the Armed Proletarians for Communism (PAC),

See you soon Claudio, free among us!

Rumoer: To read more on the life of Claudio Lavazza check: My Pestiferous Life, to be found on: compasseditions.noblogs.org

Netherlands, Amsterdam – The group 'AH Must GO' glues the locks of supermarket doors
(Info collected from the media by rumoer)

As a protest to the building of a huge 'distribution-centre made out of concrete' in the night of Thursday to Friday the doors of 18 locations of Albert Heijn supermarkets were glued. Somewhere in the morning the doors could be opened again. "They did this as Ahold is planning to build a big concrete distribution Centre in the valuable Lutkemeerpolder. The last fertile clay ground of Amsterdam, where organic food production for the city happens, will get lost forever. Also the surrounding natural area with rare birds will be severally disturbed."

OCTOBER

Germany, Berlin – DEFEND KØPI
(Via: de.indymedia.org/)

On the night of Monday we visited the office of Google on the Adelbertstr. on the corner with Engeldamm and destroyed the windows. Only a stonethrow away from Køpiplatz it's a part of the gentrification that is also reason for the upcoming attempt to evict. Solidarious greetings to all the people who on 15.10 will together defend Køpi!

Eswatini - Nurses refuse to treat police after their colleagues were shot
(Info collected from the media by rumoer)

Currently nurses in Eswatini are refusing to treat police officers as they were shooting their colleagues during a rally on Wednesday. Some internet services, such as Facebook, were temporarily shut down this week in response to the unrest.
For months now, protesters in Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland) have been taking to the streets to express their displeasure with the rule of King Mswati III. There have been major confrontations. Peo-

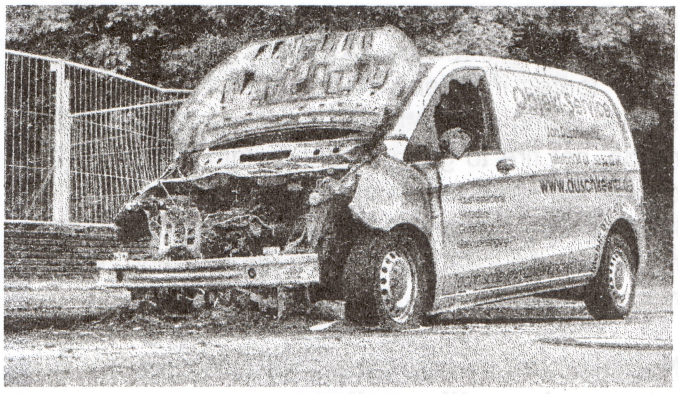
ple have attacked regime equipments, like the big bus of the policeacademy when it was set on fire.
The government has now banned all demonstrations. While previous demonstrations were disparate outbursts or marches organized by trade unions or student movements, the recent protests are not organized. Students and other young people massively took to the streets after the death of a student.

Berne, Switzerland - Protectas car torched
(Via: barrikade.info, translated by actforfreedomnow!)

Protectas is a company that systematically uses violence against refugees. Their business model is to detain people in prison-like federal asylum centers and stifle conflict through violence and displays of force.
In February, Protectas employees in the Perreux center locked a person in a refrigerated container until his body temperature dropped to 33 degrees and he had to be hospitalized. Every day they harass, beat, kick and insult people in the federal asylum centers. These are not isolated cases due to the staff of Protectas, but a deliberate system of oppression and precariousness so that the hope of obtaining asylum melts away and the wait becomes unbearable.
On the night of September 28, 2021, in Berne (Switzerland), we torched a Protectas car with paraffin barbecue lighters. Let's sabotage their tools, their offices, their work routes..... until everyone is free!

Flensbourg, Germany - Those who raze the forests sow hatred and reap the flames
(Via: sansnom.noblogs.org, translated by actforfreedomnow!)

Those who raze the forests sow hatred and reap the flames.
One year ago last night, the forest was occupied. The destruction of forests, especially of intact ecosystems – anywhere and especially in cities, must not continue like this.
For five months, there was hope for a meaningful and sustainable future for the forest, but once again, greed for profit prevailed.
Destroying the forest was the wrong decision. It is still the wrong decision.
We will continue to let those responsible feel it. Tonight, three of the cars of the Dutschkewitz company [the developer that razed the forest to build the station hotel] were set on fire.
No tree is irrelevant! The forest is not forgotten! Defend the free spaces for life!


Germany, Flensbourg, October 2021

Mexico, Tapachula - Migrant caravan in Mexico pushes past blockade to head north
(Info collected from the media by rumoer)

Several thousand migrants from Haiti, South America and Central America set off from southern Mexico headed north on Saturday, clashing with law enforcement trying to hold the caravan back. The authorities failed, the people could continue. Some people among the latest mass movement of migrants trying to pass north through Mexico said they hoped to eventually reach the U.S. border.

US, Portland - 100 anarchists cause more than $500,000 damage
(Info collected from the media)

Portland police say a group of about 100 anarchists caused more than $500,000 in damage to businesses and government buildings. The violence broke out at the end of a memorial gathering to mark the 2-year anniversary of the killing of anarchist Sean Kealiher.

Here's the full Portland Police Bureau release:
A group had gathered in the area of Chapman Square Park, and some participants were blocking Southwest 3rd Avenue. Some fencing from the park was used to barricade the street. Some illegal aerial fireworks were set off, as well as graffiti to buildings. At about 10:00 p.m., the group began to march. Mostly within a time span of about 10 minutes, participants broke numerous windows and bank ATMs. At the same time, the group began to light garbage cans and dumpsters on fire in the street. Police believe that some people involved in criminal activity were changing clothes as they were moving to further stymie efforts to identify them. Two unexploded illegal fireworks were recovered along the march route. No arrests have been made yet. There were 35 separate locations that were targeted, including banks, retail stores, coffee shops, and government buildings."

Greece, Athens - Molotov attack against the General Secretariat of Information Systems

(ΚΕΠΥΟ) by Anarchists
(Via: actforfree.noblogs.org)

Anarchists claimed responsibility on Indymedia Athens for the arson attack on the General Secretariat of Information Systems in Moschato, near Piraeus, south of Athens, on 10 October.
One of the aims of the group was to show solidarity with the 14 comrades arrested or under surveillance on the basis of their DNA. Around seven Molotovs were thrown in, affecting both the car parking lot and the building housing the Greek government's offices and data centre hosting all the data on its official website (gov.gr).

NOVEMBER

France, Oyonnax Ain, October 2021

France, Oyonnax, Ain - Video surveillance cameras destroyed and a mast cut with a disc cutter
(Via: sansnom.noblogs.org, translated by actforfreedomnow!)

At around 8.30pm on Sunday 17 October, a small group of individuals destroyed a video surveillance camera at the corner of the rue de la Forge and rue Saint-Exupéry.A video, which has since been circulating on WhatsApp in particular, (...) shows a group of people, wearing hoods, attacking the pole, using a disc cutter. In less than two minutes, the pole falls to the ground. The camera is then destroyed. The police did not have time to arrest the individuals. According to our sources, another video surveillance camera was destroyed the same evening, on Castellion Street, as well as another mast, where a camera was soon to be installed, on Saint-Exupéry Street. The mayor will file a complaint and strongly condemns these events.

Germany, Berlin - With a smile on our faces – Covivo office hit with hammers
(Via: de.indymedia.org, translated by actforfreedomnow!)

Last Friday night was probably one of the best nights of the year. While earlier the eviction of the Köpi-Wagenplatz by a huge amount of cops had caused a feeling of helplessness, the night was quite the opposite.
Several thousand people took to the streets of Kreuzberg and expressed their anger in a self-determined way. Everything went well; the cops couldn't get their lines in place, wild demonstrations broke out on all sides, the cops and their cars were overwhelmed, property managers, trendy cafes and hotels took their toll.
It was encouraging to see that so many people were willing to create uncontrollable moments to make them all pay for eviction of Köpi Platz. With this magical feeling in our stomachs and a smile on our faces, we used the rest of the night to hammer out the windows of the Covivo offices on Pariser Straße in Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. As Europe's fourth largest real estate company, Covivo is involved in all kinds of filth, from co-working, co-living, furnished accommodation, hotels and its 42,000 residential units in Berlin. At the moment of impact, an alarm system went off, which probably alerted the oncoming sirens – but we were long gone by then...
In solidarity with the comrades of Köpi Wagenplatz and with the arrested people! Greetings to the Le Marbré squat in Paris, threatened with eviction!
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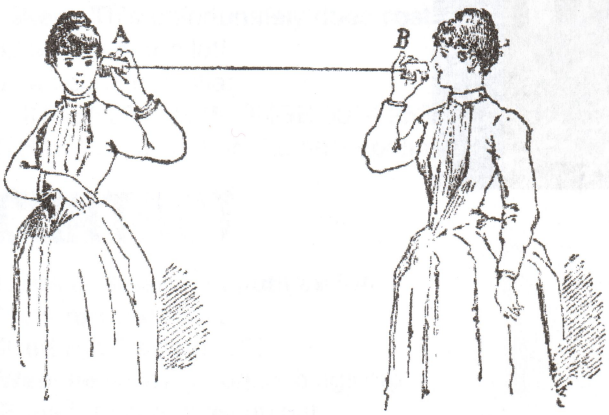
TEN. TIPS. TO. TRASH. TELEPHONES.



1. set your phone on fire
2. throw your phone in the canal
3. put your friends' phones in a bigger fire
4. throw all phones in the canal
5. don't always bring your phones (someone might throw it in the fire)
6. talk to each other, not to your screen
7. destroy evidence (back to tip 1 and 2) and don't let others make evidence (back to tip 3 and 4)
8. make phone use a topic
9. be unreachable by phone, be social
10. fuck technology

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